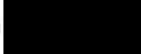


18 March 2019



Dear 

Official information request W19-309

I refer to your official information request dated 18 February 2019.

Request:

I would like a copy of any and all information totalling the number of patients prescribed antidepressants in 2018. Please include the age and gender of the patient(s).

And I ask that anything within the spirit of this request that is not mentioned be included in the response.

Response:

Please find below the number of Wairarapa patients who were dispensed antidepressant medications from Community pharmacies in the 2018 calendar year. The data shows the number of patients by age group and gender.

	Female	Male	Total
0 to 9	3	2	5
10 to 19	221	110	331
20 to 29	486	248	734
30 to 39	520	294	814
40 to 49	736	381	1117
50 to 59	874	458	1332
60 to 69	814	442	1256
70 to 79	568	347	915
80 to 89	289	153	442
90+	63	25	88

A variety of medications are included under the Therapeutic group “antidepressants” in the Pharmac schedule. The same medications can be used to treat different conditions, not just depression.

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If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact:

Caroline van Deventer, Communications Administrator

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adri Isbister', with a stylized, cursive script.

Adri Isbister

Chief Executive